

Forced Marriage in the United States Webinar Series

In 2022, for the first time in U.S. history, forced marriage was defined in the Violence Against Women Act. Forced marriage is named as a potential cause and or consequence of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. This recognition represents a major step forward towards making this often-hidden form of abuse visible.

For over a decade, **The Forced Marriage Initiative (FMI)** at the Tahirih Justice Center has been a leader in raising awareness of forced marriage in the United States and the movement to end it. The FMI is the only organization in the U.S. recognized as a training and technical assistance provider by the Office on Violence Against Women on the issue of forced marriage.

Join our comprehensive training sessions!

Part 1: An Introduction to Forced Marriage in the U.S.

September 26th: 2PMEST-330PMEST

[Register Here](#)

This webinar will provide participants with foundational knowledge of forced marriage as a form of gender-based violence and the abusive tactics often utilized to force an individual at risk to comply with the marriage demands. We will discuss commonly used terminology with a focus on the various aspects of consent that must be present in any marriage. We will walk through the tools of power and control often used by those perpetrating abuse, including the abuse that may precede a forced marriage, and the forms of violence that can result either by the refusal to marry or within the marriage.

This webinar aims to increase the expertise of service providers with a focus on identifying cases of forced marriage within existing caseloads. Considerations for improving assessment and intake protocols will be discussed.

Following the webinar, attendees will receive a personal invite to participate in a **Post Webinar Reflections Meeting on September 30th, at 2PMEST**. This space is provided for further dialogue and thought partnership. Invitations will be sent directly to webinar attendees; registration is not required.

Part 2: Forced Marriage in the U.S. Advanced Webinar

October 30th: 2PM-3:30PMEST

Attendance to part 1 is encouraged, not required

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This advanced webinar will build upon service providers existing service provision skills to respond to forced marriage situations with a deeper knowledge of the common needs and barriers survivors of forced marriage face in the help seeking process. Participants will receive access to a tailored screening and assessment tool for working with individuals at risk of forced marriage. This tool will be used to address complex case scenarios.

More information will be provided closer to the webinar date.

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